

HAMNET BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2003

HAMNET is the Official Emergency Communications Unit of the South African Radio League and is responsible for providing emergency communication in times of distress or national disasters to local and regional authorities, when requested to do so.

COMPILED AND PREPARED BY FRANCOIS BOTHA ZS6BUU.

IN THE BULLETIN TODAY:-

BULLETINS AROUND THE COUNTRY

ICC WORLD CUP CRICKET

FIELD DAY (PERSONAL) SECURITY

AUSTRIALIA BRUSH FIRES

OUTSTANDING ID CARDS

OFF THE CUFF

HAMNET BULLETINS AROUND THE COUNTRY

KZN Sunday morning at 07H00 on their local VHF repeaters with a relay on 7.070MHz

National Bulletin at 17H00 local on 10,130Mhz in the 30M band with a relay on 7.070Mhz

Gauteng North on Tuesdays at 20:30. The frequencies are 145,725MHz and either on 7,070MHz in the 40M band or 3,695MHz in the 80M band. There is a possibility that their bulletin times may change in due course but you will be advised.

North West Province have a club bulletin on Mondays, which includes a Hamnet segment at 19H00 local on 3,750Mhz in the 80M band as well as their local repeater on 145.737.5Mhz.

Hamnet Western Cape Province with a bulletin on Wednesdays at 20H30 local on 145:700MHz, relayed on 3,674MHz.

The HAMNET Bulletin is e-mailed to all those of whom I have address and also sent out on packet by Rudi, ZS6DX. A synopsis of bulletins is reproduced in later editions of Radio ZS.

ICC WORLD CUP CRICKET

The World Cup Cricket starts officially on Sunday the 9th of February with a day/night game at Newlands in Cape Town. This will have been preceded by the opening ceremony that will take place at the same venue on Saturday evening, the 8th of February.

The venues where games will take place during the week of Monday the 10th to Sunday the 16th of February are as follows:-

10th Bloemfontein at Goodyear Park.

10th Harare here we cannot assist but please listen out in the 20Metre band for comment or calls.

On the 11th, we have two games namely at the Wanderers in Johannesburg and at Kingsmead in Durban, which is also a day/night game.

On Wednesday the 12th at Buffalo Park in East London and De Beers Stadium in Kimberley.

Thursday the 13th, again 2 games, St Georges Park in Port Elizabeth and again in Harare.

Friday the 14th, only one game in Pietermaritzburg.

Saturday the 15th, 2 games. One at Supersport Stadium in Centurion and the other at Newlands, which is a day/night game.

Sunday the 16th there are 3 games. One at the Wanderers in Johannesburg the other in Paarl and the third in Potchefstroom.

The Zimbabwe and Kenya games at this stage are subject to change, so please watch the press for further details.

We do not expect any serious problems but it will be appreciated if at the above venue s at least one base station and some mobile stations were on stand-by should we be called to establish emergency communications.

The duty times on 7,070MHz and 3,695MHz in the evenings was suggested by Chris Viljoen, ZS6BYQ. For the day games that on average will start at either 10 or 11am, we will be on standby from 2 hours prior to the start and 2 hours after the game.

The night games, and fortunately there are only 10 of them which includes the opening ceremony, we will start at approx. midday through to midnight. Please note; the 40-metre band is staying open a lot later than usual lately, so communications on 40 could continue for quite some time into the evening.

Obviously, access to the various venues will be very closely supervised by the S.A.P.S. and other security organisations. We have already been advised that the Hamnet Caravan in Bloemfontein will not be allowed to within a certain distance from the stadium. That is not a problem. We will be there, and that is all that counts.

For the next few Sundays, the upcoming games and dates will be published on our website but needless to say, most of not all of you have the roster of all the games.

May I hasten to add the following. Where and when you meet a visitor to our country, please make them feel at home but warn them to be aware of card sharks at A.T.M. machines when withdrawing money and to be on their guard. Various Banks have already issued a warning in this regard and it needs to be emphasised. There are many of us who will benefit financially from this event, but unfortunately there are many who will benefit by devious means.

We wish the Proteas well and may we, this time, keep the Cup at home.

FIELD DAY (PERSONAL) SECURITY

Matt, ZS2MW, whilst participating in a contest recently, brought to our attention that their site was cased by some individuals whilst the field station was operational.

I mentioned this briefly during my bulletin last Sunday. Please take care in future when setting up field or contest stations, especially when out in the bush or in unprotected areas. Above all, be aware of what is going on around you. This may be difficult when you are engrossed in making calls and jotting down data in your log sheet.

If it is at all possible, be a group of people who have other "eyes" to observe what is going on around you whilst the contest is on the go. Be very aware at night as well.

Please also take care when pointing and firing a handgun. This could turn out to be a criminal offence. Unfortunately under the new Constitution, the criminal has the right to kill and get a cost free defence but you have no leg to stand on unless you can prove, beyond all reasonable doubt to the Court, that your life really was in danger and that you fired the weapon in self-defence.

These days that is not easy. So please take care and be warned.

AUSTRALIA BRUSH FIRES.

We saw it on TV and it was frightening. Over 420 houses were destroyed in the Canberra area alone and the devastation was unbelievable.

Again, the value of Amateur Radio was a major benefit to the authorities. Groups of operators were on duty for as long as 14 hours a day, monitoring hot spots (to coin a phrase) and reporting outbreaks to a JOC for action.

Normal means of communication (phone & cell phone) was available on occasions, however, when power lines came down, the comment by Riley Hollingsworth from the FCC again rang true. The most reliable communication system on earth is an Amateur Radio Operator.

We salute all those Amateurs who unselfishly gave up their time to help their fellow Australians in distress.

Well-done Amateur Radio and Emergency Communication.

OUTSTANDING I.D. CARDS

I still have a large number of completed I.D. cards that cannot be issued due to missing photographs.

The list of outstanding call signs will be listed in the bulletin but I am not going to read them out to you now. Please view this list and let me have the outstanding photos.

This is the list.

Listener Member E. Robertson

ZR1KB IAN BASSET ZR5DS DEON SWANEPOEL ZS5CD CHRIS DIXON
ZS5TUB TUBBY WALDECK ZS5G JJP ERASMUS ZS5HL HILL MASON
ZR6DDP D du PLOOY ZR6JCL F KOCHS ZR6JHP J POTGIETER ZR6PTT
IM WALTERS ZS6QA JAC ROUX ZS6ALJ HANS POTGIETER ZS6BPQ
H JORDAAN ZS6DMS MOHAMMED DAWOOD ZS6HH ROY MARTIN
ZS6HFJ HEIN FROHNAPFEL ZS6ZYM JANNIE SWANEPOEL ZS6XU
STEVE BAYNES

There are 4 members of whom the applications forms are still outstanding although the ID cards are completed.

They are:-

ZR5JMC JOHN CHILLEK ZS5LPT DAVID SMITH ZS5DG DANIEL
GIRAUD ZS5SAM FRED ANDREAS

Your cooperation in getting these cards finalised will be appreciated.

OFF THE CUFF

Three items were brought to my attention by Martin ZS6MSG, which needs repeating.

1. Side Arms (hand guns). Do not display them openly should you have one on your body.
2. Burglar Bars on Residential sites. We unfortunately have had to resort to the laager
3. Martin's sister in law had her vehicle hijacked in Germiston on Wednesday but by now

Beware and take care.

Bulletin ends.